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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents  
FROM: Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary of Education  
SUBJECT: School Nurse Leader School Health Services Delivery Model  
("SN Leader Model")  
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I am sharing this memo to clear up some questions around the Vermont Department of Health's School Nurse Leader School Health Services Delivery Model ("SN Leader Model"). Many of you have questions around whether SUs and Districts that employ this model are in compliance with the school nurse requirements in the Education Quality Standards of the State Board of Education's Manual of Rules and Practices, at Rule 2121.5.

SUs that follow the recommendation of the VDH and employ SN Leader Model are in compliance with EQS, from the AOE's perspective. This includes cases where use of the model may result in an SU or SD with a full-time RN on staff and some component schools with an embedded LPN on staff, full-time at one or more schools, who directly reports to the supervising RN. This RN is also available for service delivery as may be needed, depending upon the circumstances.

EQS recommends that schools implement the SN Leader Model, since it is endorsed by the Vermont Department of Health and this delivery model "is consistent with the principles of the national Coordinated School Health Model, to ensure appropriate access and coverage across their district or supervisory union." See Rule 2121.5.

SUs and SDs that follow this model do not need to seek a waiver from EQS from the State Board of Education since following the SN Leader Model satisfies Rule 2121.5, based on AOE's interpretation and implementation of this administrative rule.